

MANY MERCHANTS FOOLED.

GOODS THEY SOLD ON CREDIT HAVE VANISHED UNPAID FOR.

Nearly \$20,000 Worth Stolen to a Store in Peekskill Known to Have Disappeared.

—Loss May Be Three Times That Amount—

—Two Men Under Arrest—

A daring case of swindling by which wholesale merchants in this and other cities have been brought to the amount of thousands of dollars was disclosed yesterday by Central Office detectives. Victims who have together lost from \$10,000 to \$18,000 worth of goods have already been discovered, and it is expected that others will be found whose losses will bring up the total to three times that amount.

From statements made by Central Office Detectives Barrett and McConville in the Central street police court yesterday it appears that Edward N. Logan, who lives at the Hotel Minot, Eighth avenue and 126th street, and Charles P. Coates, alias Charles Smith, of 55 West 112th street, stole a large empty store in Peekskill, N. Y., in the Hamilton Bank of this city, and both men then came to this city to look for the store, which they announced was to be known as the Peekskill Bank.

Logan went to the Fishon Manufacturing Company, manufacturer of women's shirt waists at 220 Greene street, and bought silk waists to the value of \$127. He represented to Henry French, the bookkeeper, that he had \$1,000 in a city bank and owned \$22,000 worth of real estate and gave the Hamilton Bank as a reference.

The Fishon Manufacturing Company having investigated his credit and found it satisfactory shipped the goods to Peekskill. Logan visited other wholesalers, giving the bank as a reference to his credit and stating that he had formerly been a salesman for Sharpless Bros. of Philadelphia, but was about to open a big department store in Peekskill. All the firms filled his orders.

Emboldened by his success Logan resorted to the mails and wrote to a large number of dealers, ordering big bills of goods in various amounts. It is asserted that the money had been withdrawn from the bank, and the firms which had already investigated the reference and had given credit were referred to Logan as to his concern's liability. By June 15 many thousands of dollars worth of goods had been sent to Peekskill. They were stored in the Ben Marchant, on June 16 a representative of Cluett, Peabody & Co., which firm had extended credit to Logan, called on him at the Ben Marchant and was shown over the prospective store by Logan and Coates, who went into detail as to the division of the store, showing how the lights were to be placed, and how the counters were to be arranged and the goods displayed. Cluett, Peabody & Co. a representative returned to this city satisfied that everything was straight and all-board.

On June 11 Logan and Coates, the police say, decided that it was time to complete the store. At 10 o'clock in the morning they had all the goods packed in boxes and loaded on the steamboat boat Christopher. Then they took a train to the city and went the fourth of the Third street, where they made arrangements for two double trucks to take the entire lot of goods over to the Pennsylvania Railroad station in New York City.

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LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

The dancing masters have this year deserted

York and gone to Asbury Park for their

annual convention. That shows considerable

change, as it is the first time in the history

of the city that a dancing master was thrown

out of a window by an indignant guest who

declared that his manners in spite of his repu-

tation were not polished as they might be.

The dancing master's business was to promote

social intercourse in the ballroom of the hotel

and to bring in the employment of such gar-

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reputed to be worth \$100,000 clear. He valued

the property No. 6 Park place at \$100,000, but

when he sold it in February last it realized only

\$100,000 the mortgage against it being \$68,000.

Business went on as usual yesterday at the res-

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Expects to Settle and Continue Business—

Place a Well-Known Resort.

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signment yesterday to James P. Bennett with

out preference. The assignment is attributed

to falling off in patronage, heavy interest

charges in carrying the building, which Mr.

Rogers owned until recently, losses on the

United States Hotel at Park Rockaway, which he

had managed for ten years up to this season,

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